



Professional Military Education **Initial Entry Training**



Virginia Defense Force: Chain of Command & Insignia of Rank



References



- **VDF Pamphlet 350-1-1**
Orientation Course



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Training Objectives



- **Definition of “Chain of Command”**
- **Your Chain of Command**
- **Rank Structure, Insignia, and Address**



Chain of Command



**Chain of Command:
A TWO-WAY communications
channel between
subordinates and leaders**



Chain of Command



• **Orders**

• **Policy**

• **Information & Inquiry**



Chain of Command



• **Information**

• **Questions**



Chain of Command



• **Keeps All Informed**

• **Renders Assistance & Solves Problem**



Chain of Command



• ???

• Chain of Command

• JUMPED LINKS IN CHAIN



Chain of Command



• ???

• Chain of Command

• **JUMPED LINKS IN CHAIN**



Chain of Command



REVIEW

- **TWO-WAY** communications channel between subordinates and leaders
- **DOWN:** Orders, Policy, Information, Inquiry
- **UP:** Information, Questions
- **UP & DOWN:** All Informed, Provide Assistance, Solve Problems
- **UP or DOWN: CHAIN NOT JUMPED**



Your Chain of Command



**Governor Terry McAuliffe,
Commander in Chief
*Since January 2014***



**Brian Moran,
Secretary of Public Safety
*Since January 2014***



Your Chain of Command



Brig. Gen. Timothy P. Williams
The Adjutant General (TAG)
Since May 2014



Major General John D. Taylor
VDF Commander (CG)
Since August 2006



Insignia of Rank



- **Enlisted Soldier**
- **Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO)**
- **Warrant Officer**
- **Commissioned Officer**



Insignia of Rank



Enlisted Soldier

E-1 PVT

Private



E-2 PV2

Private



E-3 PFC

Private First Class



E-4 SPC

Specialist



Insignia of Rank



Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO)



E-4 CPL

Corporal



E-5 SGT

Sergeant



E-6 SSG

Staff Sergeant



**E-7 SFC
Class**

**Sergeant First
Class**



Insignia of Rank



Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO)



E-8 MSG

Master Sergeant



E-8 1SG

First Sergeant



E-9 SGM

Sergeant Major



E-9 CSM

**Command
Sergeant Major**



Insignia of Rank



Warrant Officers

W-1 WO1 Warrant Officer

W-2 CW2 Chief Warrant Officer

W-3 CW3 Chief Warrant Officer

W-4 CW4 Chief Warrant Officer

W-5 CW5 Chief Warrant Officer





Insignia of Rank



Commissioned Officer



O-0 OC

**Officer Candidate
*Cadet***



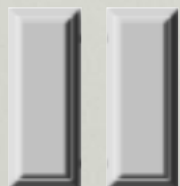
O-1 2LT

Second Lieutenant



O-2 1LT

First Lieutenant



O-3 CPT

Captain



Insignia of Rank



Commissioned Officer



O-4 MAJ

Major



O-5 LTC

Lieutenant Colonel



O-6 COL

Colonel



O-7 BG

Brigadier General



O-8 MG

Major General



Proper Address



Enlisted Ranks

Private

“Private”

Specialist

“Specialist”



Proper Address



Non-commissioned Officers

Corporal

“Corporal”

Sergeant

“Sergeant”

Staff Sergeant

Sergeant First Class

Master Sergeant

First Sergeant

“First Sergeant”

Sergeant Major

“Sergeant Major”

Command Sergeant Major



Proper Address



Warrant Officers

Warrant Officer

“Mister/Miss”

Chief Warrant Officer

“Chief”



Proper Address



Commissioned Officers

All

“Sir” or “Ma’m”

Lieutenant

“Lieutenant”

Captain

“Captain”

Major

“Major”

Lieutenant Colonel

“Colonel”

Colonel

Brigadier General

“General”

Major General



Insignia of Rank



REVIEW

E-1 PVT



E-4 CPL



E-2 PV2



E-5 SGT



E-3 PFC



E-6 SSG



E-4 SPC



E-7 SFC



VDF Insignia of Rank



REVIEW



E-8 MSG



W-1 WO1



E-8 1SG



W-2 CW2



E-9 SGM



W-3 CW3



E-9 CSM



W-4 CW4



W-5 CW5



VDF Insignia of Rank



REVIEW



O-0 3LT



O-4 MAJ



O-5 LTC



O-6 COL



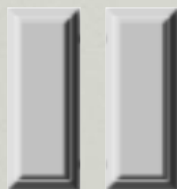
O-1 2LT



O-2 1LT



O-7 BG



O-3 CPT



O-8 MG



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QUESTIONS?